

No. 6975	號五十七百九千六第	日八初月三年辰庚緒光	HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 1880.	五拜禮	號六十月四英	港香	[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]
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INTIMATIONS.

FOR AMOY.  
THE Steamship  
"ESMERALDA."  
Captain Talbot, will be despatched for the above  
Port TO-DAY, the 16th instant, at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
HONGKONG, 15th April, 1880. GUSSELL & Co. (S)  
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship  
"NIZAM"  
will leave for the above place at Noon TO-  
DAY, the 16th instant.  
A. McIVER, Superintendant.  
HONGKONG, 15th April, 1880.  
FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.  
THE Steamship  
"SUNBEAM,"  
shortly expected, will have quick despatch  
aboard.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Steamship  
"HUNGARIAN,"  
Harry, Master, shortly expected from Singapore, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, 16th April, 1880. (6)

1867. Address, M. N., care of Daily Press Office.  
 Hongkong, 16th April, 1880. [1867]

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG RIFLE CLUB will take place to-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, Two o'Clock, at the 200-yards Range on the Rifle Batts. Kowloon, to audit the Accounts and elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year; and all Members are requested most particularly to attend.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1880. [1867]

NOTICE.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG  
CLUB will take place at the Club House,  
WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at 4.30.  
An EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING will be held immediately afterward  
in compliance with the Terms of a Notice posted  
in the Hall of the Club.  
By Order, **EDWARD BEART,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 13th April, 1880. [6]

**NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO  
PANY.**  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** in the Company will be held at the Head Office, Shanghai, on **TUESDAY**, the Twentieth instant, at **2.30 P.M.**, for presentation of the Report and Accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1878; election of Directors and Auditors and Declaration of Dividends for the year 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**J. KENNARD DAVIS,**  
Acting Secretary.

Shanghai, 7th April, 1880.

**NOTICE**  
**PANY.**  
 The **TRANSFER BOOKS** of this Company will remain **CLOSED** from this date until the 20th instant, inclusive.  
 By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**J. KENNARD DAVIS,**  
 Acting Secretary.  
 Shanghai, 7th April, 1880. [G]  
**NOTICE**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE **HSWONG ON FID**

**IN LIQUIDATION.**

**N**OTICE is hereby given that at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company, held at the Head Office Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West, Victoria, in the Island of Hongkong, on the 17th day of December, 1873, it was resolved to dissolve and wind up the said Company, and that all outstanding Policies should be redeemed: Such outstanding Policies, having now been redeemed, all Persons having any CLAIM against the above

Partners and the Solicitors of this Company on or before the 10th day of March next, after which date a General Distribution of the Assets will take place, and no Claim will be admitted thereafter.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1880.

**BREERETON and WOTTON,**  
29, Queen's Rd. ad. Hongkong,  
Solicitors for the Sheong On Fire Insurance  
Company, Limited.

**OSTRICH FEATHERS.**

**FOR SALE, BEST GENUINE OSTRICH**

hours, dressed and undressed; at very MODERATE  
Prices and suitable for Ladies' Hats.  
**COWASJEE D. DADACHANJEE,**  
12, Peel Street.  
Hongkong, 9th January, 1-80. [1]

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**OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

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**IN LIQUIDATION.**

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**A TWELFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL and A  
DIVIDENDS, at the rate of THREE TENS  
TWO MACEAS, WITH CURRENCY, 1878-79.**

Record on the 2nd April, payable at the Office of the LIQUIDATORS on FRIDAY, 9th April.

WARRANTS will then be delivered by the Undersigned to SHAREHOLDERS, or their lawful Representatives, on presentation of SHARE CERTIFICATES for endorsement.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to 9th April inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, 1st April. 1880. [58]

**T**HE Undersigned Firm has been established in Hongkong for more than THIRTY YEARS, and has never had a branch establishment anywhere. All Orders for Goods have been executed under our own supervision and the best of materials used.

We have always enjoyed the patronage and confidence of the Gentry and Merchants of Hongkong and Ports near and far, but now we are afraid that as another firm has lately been started having a **SEMI-LAI HONG NAME**, our Customers may be misled and induced to think it is identical with ours.

CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER FIRM, and re-  
spectfully ask our Customers and the Public to  
pay particular attention to our Address, given  
below, and our Chop, which is stamped on all  
our Goods, and without which none are genuine.

SUN, SHING,  
Fancy Goods and Silks Shop,  
82, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,  
Opposite the former site of the Chartered Bank  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1880. 617







giving against Austria, to the end that a war might ensue with the Power which stands in its defence and prostration. At all events Russia has certainly menaced the neutrality of the Roumanian territory, and strife has been stirred up in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russian machinations being necessary.

Whether war or if founded, it is absolutely certain that Prince Bismarck more than suspects some sort of a mutual arrangement between France and Austria, and that the latter, if Austria were crushed Germany would be at the mercy of France and Russia. Consequently he determined to prevent the collapse of Austria, and hence the alliance between that country and Germany. The present state of affairs, in his estimation may shrink from an alliance with Russia, but then Austria and Roumania form a strong junction. It would mean that the Czar is determined to crush Austria.

It may be, for he continues to mass troops on the German and Austrian frontiers, at the same time constructing large fortifications. Moreover, he is very conciliatory to the Poles, and is granting them privileges to which they are not entitled. It seems to be deemed certain that there will be no war in Europe before the year is over, and I can only point out the position which seems likely to lead to it.

**THE CONDITION OF ST. PETERSBURG.**

The state of affairs in St. Petersburg is causing the highest anxiety. The Imperial ukaz constituting Count Miliutin the head of a supreme executive council is neither more nor less than a proclamation of martial law throughout the Empire with the Count as Dictator. The act may be bent to subvert the constitution, but it certainly causes uneasiness in the minds of the people. The Czar is an Armenian woman, and she is supposed to be a conspirator. The appointment cannot be very agreeable to the Imperial family. He is a man of very great ability and tact, and supports the cause of the Emperor. The Count is a man of great energy and ability, and is supported by the military. The Count is a man of great energy and ability, and is supported by the military.

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**COINING DISSEMINATION OF FALSIFICATIONS.**

The principal item of the week in the House of Commons by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that Ministers would advise the Queen to disallow the coinage of the Bank of England.

**THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.**

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This manifesto has a double front, viz, a power against the constitutionalists, and a plea of declaration to Russia, that the nation is determined to defend its vital interests against the ruthless and restless aggression. Lord Beaconsfield declares the two points he lays down to be absolutely necessary. The first, the defence of the British Empire on its present basis, and the second, the Opposition, from a spirit of faction, of doing its utmost to promote ruin and disintegration.

Of course, the burning passages of the electioneering speeches of the Liberal leaders called on to prove these charges, nor will they be relied on in vain. Since the elections at Liverpool and South Wales confirmed the Liberal party that the country is not in a position to change has come over the spirit of their dream. A change has come over the spirit of their dream. A change has come over the spirit of their dream.

**THE POINT IN LORD BEAconsfield'S MANIFESTO.**

which asserts the absolute necessity for the secondary of the English voice in the Councils of Europe, contains nothing more or less than the leading question of the day in reference to the whole matter at large. The Premier does not mean to interfere between one nation and another, nor to go to war with any nation, but to keep the peace, and to preserve the peace of Europe.

**FRANCE AND RUSSIA.**

A secret understanding has long been suspected between France and Russia, which late events have confirmed. It would appear that Russia was to attack Germany without the aid of France, but that the latter was to make a demonstration on the borders of Alsace and Lorraine, which would divert the French army from the main theatre of the war.

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It seems absolutely clear that the British Government do not mean to be trifled with by that casual ally the Sultan. Turkish and Greek delegates have been held at it for months endeavoured to settle the question of the Greek frontier, but the impossible Turk rendered all settlement impossible and the Great Powers appealed to the European Powers. England proposed a form of settlement which France agreed to, and to which all the other Powers assented. This plan will, as it is understood, be carried out whether the Sultan likes it or not. The Turk must be improved from this face of Europe.

A half-headed professor, reporting a youth for the exercise of his fists, said very severely, "The young man reflected for a moment, and then replied that he would not fight, for he had no fists to fight with."

A complete series of letters from the pen of a Russian lady, who is already known to the public by a volume entitled "The Russian Women," will shortly be published under the title of "Russia and England from 1876 to 1880." It will also contain a portrait of that officer and three maps of Bulgaria.

A work on "Church Folk-Lore" is in preparation which ought to prove interesting and valuable. Its object is to collect and preserve legends connected with the Church and its services differing from those ordinarily accepted as genuine. Some of these are venerable relics of heathenism, others are results of the medieval struggles of successive centuries. All of them are worthy of preservation, and in them often lurk hid some reference to a fact or a legend which is deserving to be carefully examined and turned to account.

**COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

THURSDAY, 14th April.

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DESTINATION	VESSELS' NAMES	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR PASSENGERS APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL	Agamemnon (etc.)	J. Whiting	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 19th inst.
LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL	Laertes (etc.)	R. F. Scales	Hongkong	Butterfield & Swire	On or about 21st inst.
NEW YORK	Parus (etc.)	Smith	Hongkong	Vogel & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Centaur (etc.)	Maynard	Hongkong	Vogel & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO, via YAMANA	City of Tokio (etc.)	Wm. H. Marcy	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st prox. at 1 p.m.
SAN FRANCISCO	Wm. H. Marcy	Maynard	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
PORT DARWIN, &c.	Comander	Rowland	Hongkong	Vogel & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAIGON	Amoria (etc.)	J. Mooney	Hongkong	Booy Shing	On 1st prox. at 1 p.m.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, &c.	Lombardy (etc.)	W. B. Hall	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, &c.	Orin (etc.)	Rapalot	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, via KOREA	Wm. H. Marcy	Maynard	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, via KOREA	Malacca (etc.)	Rowland	Hongkong	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO	Sumbean (etc.)	Niam (etc.)	Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Niam (etc.)	Niam (etc.)	Hongkong	Admiral, Kiang & Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Hungaria (etc.)	Hart	Hongkong	Admiral, Kiang & Co.	Quick despatch.
AMOI	Esmeralda (etc.)	Talbot	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
SWATOW, AMOI, & FUCHOW	Namus (etc.)	Watshy	Hongkong	Douglas Laiprak & Co.	On 18th inst. Daylight.

## INSURANCES.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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